

Torrance, California
April 26, 1938

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, April 26, 1938 at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that the minutes of a regular meeting held April 13, 1938, a special meeting held April 18, 1938 and an adjourned regular meeting held April 18, 1938 be approved as written. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company, answering the letter directed to them by the Council in regard to the sand blowing from their property on the West side of Cedar Avenue into the residential district on the east side of Cedar Avenue, North of Torrance Boulevard.

Councilman Hitchcock stated that a number of eucalyptus trees had been planted on the west side of Cedar Avenue within the last few days.

A communication was read from The Torrance Hospital Association, stating that the Columbia Steel Corporation had offered the services of their Electrical and Mechanical Departments to install laundry facilities at the hospital free of charge, and requesting waiver of contractor's fee.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the City of Redondo Beach, inquiring as to whether or not the City of Torrance will be willing to share the expense of a sodium light at 182nd Street and Hawthorne Boulevard, the expense to be divided between the City of Redondo Beach, the City of Torrance and the County of Los Angeles.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be referred to the City Engineer, with authority to notify Mr. Bundy, City Engineer of Redondo Beach, of his decision. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the City of Compton, extending an invitation to their Golden Jubilee Celebration to be held May 19, 20 and 21.

It was decided that the matter will be taken up at a later date to determine who will attend.

An application from Glen Armstrong for license to sell fireworks this coming season on the Wilmington-Redondo Boulevard, west of the City limits line, was read.

Councilman McGuire moved that the license be granted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the Harbor Rifle and Pistol Club was read, applying for a permit to establish a range on the Southeast corner of the Weston Farms Tract.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this matter be referred to the City Engineer and Police Department for investigation and report at the next meeting. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the Texas Company was read, requesting a refund of money paid the City of Torrance for electrical contractor's licenses, on the grounds that the fee had been paid for Mr. Ed. Nulty, a regular employee of the Texas Company as chief electrician, and who is not a contractor.

Clerk Bartlett stated that when Mr. Nulty was first apprehended and asked to pay a contractor's license, he did so without stating that he was not a contractor. Otherwise, the license would never have been collected.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be referred to the Ordinance Committee for a report at the next meeting. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the Felker Manufacturing Company, 3321 Emerald Street, was read, requesting installation of a fire hydrant on the Dominguez Water Company's riser approximately 150 feet from their shop building.

Councilman McGuire moved that the request be referred to the City Engineer and Fire Department for investigation. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A petition for permit to operate a hog ranch in North Torrance was read, submitted by Mr. H.D. Mulford, 2307 East 120 Street, Willowbrook, California.

Councilman Powell moved that the communication be filed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett reported that \$861.77 had been received from the State Board of Equalization as apportionment on the Alcoholic Beverage Act.

Attorney McCall presented for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 303

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING PLUMBING AND REPEALING THAT PORTION OF PARAGRAPH 70 OF SECTION 12 OF ORDINANCE NO. 235 WHICH REFERS TO PLUMBING CONTRACTORS, ALSO THAT PORTION OF SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE NO. 259 WHICH REFERS TO JOURNEYMEN PLUMBERS, AND READS "OR A BONA FIDE RESIDENT OWNER OF A HOME IN WHICH PLUMBING IS BEING OR TO BE DONE," AND ALSO REPEALING SECTION 5 OF ORDINANCE NO. 259.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 303 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion,

which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett called to the attention of the Council the fact that the minutes of January 11, 1938 should be amended to change the term of office of Bernard Bunje and Robert B. Roberts, appointed for three year terms to the Civil Service Board, to six year terms to conform with the Civil Service Ordinance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of January 11, 1938 be amended to this effect. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$80.00, less \$7.50 trade-in allowance, be made for 1 - 2" meter for the Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett read the list of standing committees of the City Council as follows:

Mayor ----	W.H. Tolson
Finance -----	T.F. McGuire, Chairman; W.H. Tolson, J.E. Hitchcock
Recreation -----	J.V. Murray, Chairman; G.V. Powell, T.F. McGuire.
Ordinance-----	G.V. Powell, Chairman; J.V. Murray, W.H. Tolson.
Police and Fire -----	W.H. Tolson, Chairman; J.E. Hitchcock, T.F. McGuire.
Street, Sewer, City	
Parks, Garbage-----	J.E. Hitchcock, Chairman; J.V. Murray, T.F. McGuire.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the committee appointments be adopted as read. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Mershon, with the opening statement that he wished to "make a few comments" on the present license ordinance, proceeded to point out that there are a number of music teachers in the city who are not licensed and never have been. He based his contention that they should pay licenses on paragraph 13 of the license ordinance. His main objection was that, with so many teachers given free rein, he was unable to compete with them.

The matter was referred to the Ordinance Committee and the City Attorney.

Mrs. Brown asked what the procedure would be for putting in the sidewalk on the east side of Cedar Avenue from Torrance Boulevard to Sierra Street. After a brief discussion, the City Engineer informed Mrs. Brown that a petition would have to be circulated among the property owners who would be affected by such improvement. Mrs. Brown wanted to know why this could not be done without the consent of the property owners, as she understood it had been done in other parts of the city. She was advised that the other sidewalks put in on vacant property were put in by the people who sub-divided the different sections and the assessment added to the lots when they were sold. Mrs. Brown said she was still convinced there must be some way of making this improvement without the consent of the property owners.

It was decided that the matter will be investigated by the City Engineer and City Attorney to see exactly what can be done.

Mrs. Brown asked if the palm leaf windbreak would be finished to prevent the dust from blowing from the vegetable gardens into residences on Cedar Avenue. She was informed that a row of eucalyptus trees had been planted. The letter from Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company was re-read for Mrs. Brown's benefit.

Mrs. Kent asked that something be done about heavy trucking in the residential district on 220th Street.

Mrs. Clark was informed that business licenses are issued for one year from date of issuance, upon her complaint that, according to the present method, she would be required to pay a license now and another July 1, 1938.

Clerk Bartlett stated that licenses had not been collected from persons teaching music in their own homes.

Councilman McGuire moved that the City Attorney make some definite report and ruling on this matter at the next meeting. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:



Mayor of the City of Torrance